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DECLARATION OF ASHOK VASUDEO UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

1. I, ASHOK VASUDEO, residing in San Jose, California, am one of the inventors of the invention of "*Notebook Computer With Detachable Infrared Multi-Mode Input Device*" which was filed on June 27, 2001, as U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 09/894,568, ("the '568 application") claiming priority as a continuation of U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 09/145,817, filed September 2, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,424,335.

2. I am currently employed by Fujitsu Computer Systems ("FCS"), a subsidiary of Fujitsu Ltd., assignee of the '568 application. FCS is the successor to Fujitsu PC Corporation ("FPC"), where I was employed at the time the subject matter of the '568 patent was invented.

3. Prior to July 31, 1998, the publication date of Japanese Publication No. 10198512 ("Yasuo"), my co-inventors and I had reduced to practice the invention claimed in the '568 patent application within the United States. At the time of our invention, FPC was located in Milpitas, California, and the reduction to practice of the invention described in this declaration occurred at that location.

4. Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is a true copy of excerpts from one of the original

Invention Disclosures which formed the basis for the '568 application and its parent. The dates on Exhibit A have been removed, but all of the dates are prior to July 31, 1998. A page number has been added to the lower left corner of each page of the document for convenience.

5. I am told that the Yasuo patent has been applied by the patent examiner to reject certain claims of the '568 patent application because: "Yasuo teaches a housing having a top and a bottom a mouse (10) mounted to the bottom of the housing and a touch pad (20) mounted to the top of the housing being used for pointing function."

6. Prior to July 31, 1998, my coinventors and I had reduced to practice a detachable pointing device for use with a laptop computer that had a mouse ball on one side thereof and a touchpad on the other side thereof. This aspect of the invention is discussed at various places in Exhibit A, for example at pages 4, 5 and 6, and is shown in the figures on pages 7, 8 and 9. This aspect of the invention, as disclosed in Exhibit A, is at least commensurate with the disclosure of Yasuo, as applied by the patent examiner.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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